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## Rice Resigns Secretary Job In Local 483

Resignation of George L. Rice as secretary-treasurer of Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey was submitted at last week's membership meeting, effective Jan. 15, 1951.

Coming as a surprise to his countless friends and co-workers, the resignation did not state any reason, nor did Rice explain cause for his action at the membership meeting. However, he said later he is planning a trip, details of which were not disclosed.

Since he became secretary-treasurer of Local 483 a few years ago, Rice has risen to statewide prominence both in labor circles and as



GEORGE L. RICE

a leader in the Democratic Party. He was defeated recently in a bid for election as state assemblyman, but said this had no bearing on his decision to leave the union post.

Rice implied that he is making plans for a major undertaking following the trip he has scheduled tentatively.

The union membership voted to reject the resignation and many members have contacted Rice, urging him to reconsider. He has been firm in his decision, however, and the resignation must be accepted by the union under its by-laws, it is reported.

At the next union meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 6, there will be nominations for the successor to the secretary-treasurer post, and the election of the new official will be held at the meeting on Dec. 20. No indication has been made in regard to any possible candidates to succeed Rice.

### CANTU RETURNS TO FORMER JOB

Wayne Cantu, who served Culinary-Bartenders 483 for several months as a temporary organizer and business agent, has returned to his former regular employment at Hotel San Carlos. Cantu served as business agent during the recent campaign of Sec. George L. Rice for state assemblyman, Rice having been on leave of absence from his union duties. Cantu has been extended sincere and warm thanks of Rice and the union's executive board for his organizing and representative work in behalf of the union.

In Philadelphia, AFL confectionery unionists considered asking their employers to start making old-time licorice. The question arose after the Swedish freighter Selma Thornden unloaded a cargo of Russian licorice which union stevedores had refused to unload at Boston, New York, Albany, and various ports on the Gulf Coast.



### Hit Postal Cuts

AFL Pres. William Green and officers of AFL postal unions called on President Truman Nov. 14 to urge restoration of twice-daily mail deliveries. Left to right: Green, Pres. W. M. Thomas of the Natl. Postal Transport Assn., Pres. Leo E. George of the Natl. Fed. of Postoffice Clerks, and Pres. William C. Doherty of the Natl. Assn. of Letter Carriers. (LPA).

## Preservation of Democracy

(Section (b) of Policy Statement on Civil Rights, adopted by 48th convention of the California State Federation of Labor, Santa Barbara, October, 1950.)

The American Federation of Labor has a long, consistent and proud record of vigorous and effective opposition to communism. We long ago recognized the threat of this evil doctrine to our democratic institutions and to freedom throughout the world. We have fought the spread of communism at every step, and we have driven the communists

from our ranks and exposed their deception and trickery. We shall continue to lead the fight against these conspirators who would destroy free trade unions and enslave us as they have done throughout the world wherever they have been able to seize control.

In this struggle to maintain our own liberty and foster freedom in the rest of the world, we support every honest and legitimate effort of our government to guarantee our external and internal security, but in seeking to achieve such an objective we can not permit our representatives to be stampeded out of hysteria and unreasoning fear into adopting the same methods as are used by the communists themselves. There is a very real danger today that people of the best intentions, including many of our elected representatives, in their eagerness to protect our democracy against the communist threat, will destroy the very things they seek to safeguard.

The strongest bulwark of democ-

racy in America is the Bill of Rights and the other protections of the individual contained in the Constitution. We fully realize how quickly and thoroughly these precious rights would be wiped out under a communist dictatorship. Yet so hysterical have many of our legislators and others become that it appears possible that the fear of communism alone will be sufficient to accomplish what the communists at their greatest strength could never hope to bring about, short of total destruction of the country through armed conquest.

We do not subscribe to this philosophy of fear which leads only to self-destruction. The United States of America and its institutions are strong and durable enough, and its people brave enough, to withstand communism (Continued on Page 5)

## CULINARY PLANS YULE TOY DRIVE IN SALINAS AREA

Because of the great success of the campaign last year by Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas in collecting and distributing toys for Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in the Salinas area, the toy drive will be repeated this year.

Union Sec. Bertha A. Boles announced that the membership voted at last week's meeting to create a "toy box" in its office in the Glikbarg Building, and urged all members to bring one or more toys to fill the box.

The toys should be of value of about \$1, Mrs. Boles said. Distribution to youngsters at the Rescue Mission and elsewhere will be made on or after Dec. 22, which is the last day for members to bring in toys for the drive.

Members wishing to have the union buy a toy in their name may leave a dollar bill at the office and the union will procure the toys and place them in the box in the name of the member, Mrs. Boles added.

Last year the toy drive resulted in distribution of more than 500 packages to underprivileged young-

## We'll Go On Until We Win—Keenan

(AFL Release)

Joseph D. Keenan, director Labor's League for Political Education, said of the Nov. 7th election that "the Korean situation was the main factor" in holding down labor's gains.

In addition to the Korean fighting and the intervention of the Chinese Communists, Mr. Keenan thought crime investigations may have gone against Democrats in some states and the communism-in-government charges may have also hurt.

"We got out the vote in Ohio but apparently some of our people went against us," he said. "However, our people came through in Connecticut and New York."

He said that basically labor is on the right track and must continue the job of getting the people registered.

"We'll go on organizing until we win," he said.

Organized labor's political activity was strong enough to prevent a repetition of 1946's off-year debacle when reactionaries won complete control of both houses of Congress.

The 1946 rout reduced the liberal bloc to its smallest proportions since 1932. That did not happen in 1950.

In fact, labor's influence was instrumental in holding Republican gains to one-half the average of off-year elections. According to Newsweek magazine, Republicans gained an average of 61 seats in the House and 10 seats in the Senate in 1942, 1944 and 1946. Maximum gains this year were only 31 House and five Senate seats.

In the Senate, Democrats retained nominal control 49-47 and in the House by 235 to 200. But the Dixiecrat-Republican coalition, which has thwarted broad social legislation since 1938, was strengthened and will be in actual control of both houses.

The Dixiecrat-Republican coalition will be a road block to extension of rent controls, equitable price controls, a fairly-distributed tax burden for national defense, a strong excess profits tax, health insurance and civil rights legislation.

On the international front, the chances for more money for Point Four are slim and sharp cuts are expected in Economic Cooperation Administration funds.

The net results is to increase tremendously the size of the job working people face to maintain even their present standards of living.

## Special Notice To Butchers 506

All members of Butchers Union 506 in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito counties who have not yet signed the official application for the new insurance provided under the new union contract should secure and sign the proper papers at once.

The insurance is being handled by California Physicians Service and it is necessary for all butchers to fill out the proper application forms provided by CPS. Without the official CPS card issued to members, they will experience great difficulty in event of need of medical care for illness or injury.

Members may get the application cards from the Salinas office of CPS at 12 East Gabilan St., from the San Jose office of CPS at 215 Bank of America Building, or from the union's office in the San Jose Labor Temple. Copies of the insurance plan also will be given to members.

Annual election of Butchers Union 506 have been started, with first nomination held at meetings this month. There will be more nominations at the December meetings. Elections are held in January. Members are urged to attend the regular meetings for the next two months to take part in the elections. List of nominees will be announced following completion of nominations.

## CLU At Salinas Retains Attorney

John Mueller, prominent Salinas attorney, is to be engaged by the Central Labor Union of Monterey County, located at Salinas, on a retainer basis to represent the council in legal matters, Council Secretary A. J. Clark reported last week. Details were not announced.

The Labor Council, at its last meeting, was informed that the Coin-o-matic vending machine firm has signed contracts with Coin Machine Electricians Union 1301. Business Agent Anthony Agrillo of this union voiced thanks to the council, its secretary and negotiating committee for assistance in winning the agreement.

Merger contracts of Office Employees Union 29 of Oakland and 94 of San Jose in the Salinas area was reported as nearly completed. Local 29 has had jurisdiction and contract with Stone & Webster Corp., builders of the P. G. & E. plant at Moss Landing, while Local 94 has had contracts covering union office workers. Local 94 is to get full jurisdiction in the area, the council was informed.

Resolutions sent to the Labor Council from the recent convention of the State Federation of Labor were being studied last week by the council's Legislative Committee, which had been enlarged by addition of Peter Greco, business agent of Painters 1104, Council Secretary Clark announced.

## Many IBEW Men Reported Idle

More electricians in the Salinas area were left without employment last week as result of layoffs at camp Roberts and at the P. G. & E. project at Moss Landing, according to Business Manager Karl Ozols of Electrical Workers Union 243.

Ozols warned that the supply of men now on the unemployment lists will have to be used to fill any new job openings and said that newcomers to the area must be placed at the bottom of the growing list. Therefore, he urged, don't come to Salinas trying to get work as an electrician.

sters throughout the area and the campaign brought much public commendation to the union.

## Key Officers Are Unopposed In Clerk Vote

Election of officers of Petal Clerks Union 839 of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13, but it will be little more than a formality of casting a "white ballot" for key officers, Sec. Garold Miller reports.

Unopposed for re-election are Pres. Raymond Groth, of Pacific Grove; First Vice Pres. Lawrence Vestal, of Salinas; Second Vice Pres. Robert Page, of Santa Cruz; Sec. Miller, of Salinas, and others.

Local 839 has petitioned the National Labor Relations Board to hold a union shop election under terms of the Taft-Hartley Act in Safeway stores of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties, Miller said. Board action is expected shortly.



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## Dist. Council Of Carpenters Hangs Charter

Charter was received and hung in the Watsonville Labor Temple last week by the new Monterey Bay Area District Council of Carpenters, which then elected permanent officers and took several important actions to present a solid front as a labor organization serving five unions in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

James T. Mann, business agent of Watsonville Local 771, displayed the new charter, which will be located permanently in Watsonville, and then hung the charter in the meeting hall without ceremony. A charter installation program may be held later.

Elected officers of the district council are:

Pres. Harvey Baldwin, of Salinas Local 925; Vice Pres. George I. Colby, of Santa Cruz Local 829; Sec.-Treas. Leo Thiltgen, of Monterey Local 1323, and two trustees, Bros. Young, of King City Local 1279, and Rogge, of Watsonville Local 771.

Agreement was reached whereby any carpenter may work in the jurisdiction of the district council, regardless of local union jurisdiction, without any charge. In order to work outside his own union's territory, however, the member must be fully paid up and in good standing.

Following report by Mann on an offer from the Associated General Contractors for wage increases which would make outlying counties \$1 per day lower in wage scale than the six San Francisco Bay area (metropolitan) counties, the district council voted to stand firm on its demand for equal wage scales for the craft regardless of location.

Pres. Baldwin was instructed to attend the next negotiation meeting of the State Council of Carpenters and carry this decision from the new district council. The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday in San Francisco.

All local carpenter unions were urged to form ladies' auxiliaries, if possible, to assist the carpenter unions and the district council in programs.

Visitor at the district council session was Dave Williams, of Pile Drivers Union 34, who told of district council activities in other localities and also discussed the dispute between Local 34 and the City of Santa Cruz over construction work on the municipal wharf there.

Next meeting was called for Tuesday, Dec. 12, in Santa Cruz IOOF Hall, with Santa Cruz Local 829 as host.

## MONTEREY PAINTERS BOOST INITIATION

Initiation fees of Painters Union 272 of Monterey will be increased to \$100 on Jan. 1, double the present fee, Bus. Agt. James L. Bolin of Local 272 announced.

Members of the union voted the increase at a recent meeting and international approval has been received, Bolin said.

He added that the union has many members out of work due to adverse weather and to the completion of several major projects, and warned painters against coming to Monterey in hope of finding immediate employment—local unemployed painters must be placed first.

**Finish Super-Inch**  
Final 3,000-foot section of the \$63,000,000 34-inch, 501-mile gas line from Topoc, Ariz., to Milpitas was laid this week near Hollister. Valves open early in January, bringing 150,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily from western Texas. PG&E built the line to Topoc, and El Paso Gas from there to Texas.

## CONTRACT LET FOR HOSPITAL; START MONDAY

Ground breaking ceremonies were scheduled for next Monday to start construction of the new Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital at Romie Lane and Wilgart Way extension, contract for the project having been awarded last week to Parker, Steffen & Pearce, San Francisco general contracting firm, at \$2,305,600.

Business Agent J. B. McGinley of Laborers Union 272, said the hospital construction will take about 18 months and the finished plant will provide 139 beds to serve the area from Moss Landing south to Gonzales.

The contracting firm just completed the new Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City. William Concolino, Carmel architect, was named supervisor of construction. Contracts were let earlier for \$142,352 worth of steel and a \$75,000 laundry unit, McGinley said.

There will be 64 surgical, 32 medical, 31 maternity and 12 pediatric beds, plus emergency, x-ray, physiotherapy and laboratory facilities.

## Carp. Apprentice Board Approves Three Trainees

Three new apprentices were approved for training last week, one as a saw filer, and three in training were given clearances by the Salinas Local Joint Carpenter Apprenticeship Committee at last week's bi-monthly meeting at Hartnell College.

Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Carpenters Union 829 of Salinas said that clearances and letters explaining training records were granted to B. G. Ronneberg, J. S. Weeks and Ronald Kapsh.

Approved for training were Kenneth Alexander and C. R. Burks, carpenter apprentices, and E. J. Moone, apprentice saw filer.

A number of important business matters were handled by the apprentice committee at the meeting, Baldwin said. Next meeting will be Jan. 11 at Salinas Carpenters Hall.

The oldest Catholic college for women in the United States is St. Elizabeth's, two miles outside the city of Morristown, N. J.

## In Union Circles

Mildred Putnam, office secretary for Culinary Alliance 467 and for Retail Clerks Union 839 for many months, was available for a new job this week—she severed connections with the unions last week. Details of the departure were not revealed. Millie said her immediate plan is to qualify for and draw her unemployment compensation!

Barbara Eide, daughter of Business Agent Thomas Eide of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, was married last Saturday in Monterey. A reception was held for the newlyweds in Marina.

Business agents of Laborers and Carpenters unions have been traveling back and forth to San Francisco and Oakland in an effort to gain wage increases for their union members. Laborers reportedly have won their increase and negotiations are progressing well for carpenters.

## Engineer Program

Army Engineers will spend over \$5 million in California in 1951. Here are major projects: Fairfield-Suisun, pavement, \$1,796,000; Mudoc Field, barracks, \$1,200,000; Benicia Arsenal, water system, \$243,000.

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**BARBERS 827**—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 418 Monterey St., phone 4110; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

**BARTENDERS 545**—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4833; Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4833.

**BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY**—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-5002. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, Salinas office, 274 East Alisal, phone 2-1803; Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

**BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)**—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Barnett, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CyPress 5-3849. Hollister-Gilroy Officers: Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Rec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 4375.

**CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR**—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary & Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 935 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2638. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo; phone DIamond 3-6844.

**CARPENTERS 925**—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Carpenters Hall. Pres., Herbert Nelson, Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

**CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)**—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Bill Young, phone 376-J. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W.

**CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373**—Meets 2nd Tuesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Lewis Hall, 140 Linden St., phone 4603; Sec., Mrs. Roy Brayton, 323 1/2 Central Ave., Fin. Sec. & Bus. Agt., Mrs. W. A. Pillar, 123 Prunedale, phone 9302. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)**, Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood. Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 7767.

**CULINARY ALLIANCE 467**—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Bales. Office, Glitburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

**DRY CLEANERS 258-B**—Meets 2nd Thursday, Wm. Nuelle, 1027 Del Monte St., phone 2-3590. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

**ELECTRICIAN WORKERS 243**—Meets 1st Wednesdays, Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

**ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39**—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Deroy; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, Rm. 483, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CyPress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 16th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

**FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS**—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Isel, office 257 Fifth St., Richmond, Calif., phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Luther Cloud, 16th and Capp St., San Francisco, phone Market 1-4958. Branch Agt., Ronald Schaeffer, Moss Landing, phone Castroville 6572.

**JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467**—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres., Bertha A. Bales, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

**LABORERS 272**—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6839. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

**LATHERS 122**—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hibby St., Monterey. Sec., Ronald Hedges, 612 Wilson St., Salinas, phone 2-2906. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-1603.

**LAUNDRY WORKERS 258**—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

**MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824**—Meets 1st Tuesday, Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, res. 611 Doss Ave., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone Salinas 9494.

**OFFICE EMPLOYEES 29 (Business Offices)**—Meets on call. Headquarters 1918 Grove St., Oakland, phone TWinoaks 3-5933. Sec., Marilyn E. Anglin; Bus. Agt., John B. Kinnick.

**OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)**—Meets on call. Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CyPress 2-6393. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeanette Zoccol.

**PAINTERS 1104**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Walter Ebel, 530 Park St., phone 2-2984. Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 513 James St., Fin.-Sec. and B. A. Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln Ave. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

**PLASTERERS 763**—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine St., phone 5530. Sec., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-1603.

**PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m.; (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Bert La Forge; Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew; Bus. Agent., E. R. Arbuckle Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

**POSTAL CARRIERS 1046**—Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., J. H. Fischer, 12B Mercer Way, Sec. H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

**PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)**—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

**RETAIL CLERKS 839**—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Gerald F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Room 1, phone 4938.

**ROOFERS 50**—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

**SHEET METAL WORKERS 304**—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kibbal, Box 254 Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

**STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420**—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karich, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

**SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20816**—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels. Sec.-Treas., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferreira.

**TEACHERS 1020**—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, phone 3045.

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**TYPOGRAPHICAL 543**—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. R. Harrison. Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 839.

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(State Fed. Release)

Official programs were mailed to all labor papers and AFL councils in California this week detailing plans for the first annual AFL Labor Press Institute, to be held in the Carrillo Hotel, Santa Barbara, Nov. 25 and 26.

The institute is being jointly sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor and the Institute of Industrial Relations and the School of Journalism of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Workshop sessions will be offered on special reporting problems, such as political reporting, collective bargaining reporting, economics, union news reporting, and community relations reporting.

Room reservations may be made with the Carrillo Hotel individually, or through Annette Sherwood, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Los Angeles 24.

The institute will open Saturday morning, Nov. 25, with registration at 9:30 o'clock, and will close with a summary session at 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26.

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## EDITORIALS

### LEARNING POLITICAL ACTION

Slowly but surely members of our labor unions are learning the necessity of resorting to the use of their political power in order to safeguard and preserve such gains as they have made till now for the benefit of all labor through their collective efforts. But it was not until the anti-labor forces of big business proceeded to use their tools in Congress to legislate the unions out of business that our trade unionists began to realize that something must be done about it.

We have just emerged from a national political battle, where labor had undertaken to participate in it only to make a most pitiful showing. Many of our endorsed candidates were defeated by highly undesirable anti-labor candidates, at the same time that a number of the worst anti-labor members of the present Congress were re-elected over the opposition of the kind of a campaign our labor movements in the United States put up against them.

Perhaps the men and women of labor are novices at the art of winning political contests, even though they have enough votes to win any election. If so, that is all the more reason why they should start now to inform themselves in regard to what is wrong with their present plan of doing politics. In other countries the workers have found it necessary to form labor parties. That may become the answer in the U. S. also, but up to the present time all efforts in that direction have failed. It is up to labor to learn.

### DOES LABOR NEED PAPERS?

Now that the election is over and labor has received a genuine trouncing at the polls leaders of some of our unions are beginning to ask what was the matter? One of the first and most apparent facts that stare all union people in the face is that about the only press that went to bat for labor's campaign was the weak and poorly supported labor press.

There were and still are many local labor papers throughout the United States, but in the campaign just ended little effort was expended to extend and enlarge the usefulness and helpfulness of this press. Instead of taking the necessary steps to establish a setup under which every member of organized labor would be a recipient of the best available local labor paper at least once a week most of our labor leaders assumed a dormant and wholly disinterested attitude towards labor papers, which in most cases were permitted to struggle along as usual, reaching only such union people as have been subscribing for their local labor papers over the years.

While nearly every daily paper in the country was spreading its poison into every home in the United States against the candidates endorsed by labor there were literally millions upon millions of trade union members, who never saw a local labor paper in 1950.

Now the local labor press is being commended for the wonderful job it did. Had it received ten times as much support as it got it could have done ten times as good a job and labor would have scored many more victories. Labor should give its press better support.

### WASTING ENERGY ON CONGRESS

With the kind of a Congress the 82nd Congress is practically certain to be it would seem largely a waste of time for labor to spend much time in futile efforts to influence the legislation of such an aggregation of anti-labor lawmakers. This does not mean that our labor movement should cease to make protests against evil legislation. What it does mean is that such a Congress as we will have after 1951 offers little or no hope for anything really constructive, so far as the great masses of our common people are concerned.

Hence if the people who inhabit the United States want a government that will give the real interests of the majority of our people more consideration than is being accorded at the present time then they must begin very soon to bestir themselves in the direction of creating it. Instead of waiting to see what somebody else may do before anything is done no time should be lost to start studying the political problems that confront not only all our unions but all working people and all farmers.

Campaigns are fought and won on issues and principles and labor can never hope to win an election unless the principles and issues they subscribe to are broad enough to have a genuine appeal to all workers and farmers regardless of whether they are organized or not. Until we organize politically on this basis we will continue to lose elections.

## JOKES, Etc.

Joe—"Gee, I wish I could afford a swell auto like yours."  
Ted—"You and me both."

The best way to get ahead is to be ambitious, do your very best, then marry the boss's daughter.

Some folks will never learn anything because they think they understand everything now.

"I don't mind driving in two-way streets," says a woman motorist, "but oh, those four-way corners."

He—"Sweetheart, I would go through anything for you."  
She—"Let's start on your bank account."

When you have both feet on the ground you don't have far to fall.

A lot of brainy women earn their living, but the sensible ones let men do it for them.

The most wonderful thing ever made by man is a living for his family.

Charlotte, the gal who doesn't like men, weighed less than four pounds at birth and she couldn't drink from a bottle, had to be fed with an eye-dropper.

She has grown quite a bit since. Doesn't need an eye-dropper now. In fact if a glass isn't handy she hasn't a bit of difficulty with the bottle.

While still a little girl her mom warned her never to play with boys, said she should always play with girls because little boys were too rough.

One day Charlotte said, "Mommie! If I can find a nice smooth little boy can I play with him?"

"Miss Jones, have you had any experience in defense work?"  
"Sure, I used to go with a business agent."

When Phyllis cut down that old tree,

That used to grow up by her door,

Her dog surely missed that old tree,

Though he never had missed it before.

Single gals spend a lot of time waiting for a husband—a lot of married gals do the same thing.

The first morning of his vacation the husband put on his wife's bathrobe and went to the back door to answer a loud knock. When he opened the door the bread man kissed him. He thought this somewhat strange but after thinking it over decided that the bread man's wife must have the same kind of a robe.

A gal sure puts her foot in it when she accepts nylons from a guy.

An ant can move an object 500 times its own weight—must eat wheaties for breakfast.

Cliff Crandall says flying saucers are nothing new. He's had them around the house ever since he got married.

### Off-Year Gains Cut

Figures show that the Republican gains in Congress this year were only half as great as their average gains for the last three elections held in non-Presidential years.

	1938	1942	1946
Senate	6	10	13
House	80	47	57
Average			
	1938-42-46	1950	
Senate	10	5	
House	61	31	

### Chorines Take Beating

In London, England, British theatrical unions confronted a problem that no other democratic nation has experienced before. There is a shortage of chorus girls and the shortage, according to union leaders, is due to the fact that "factory jobs pay more and the work is easier."

## THE LEAD CURTAIN!

(LLPE Release)

One of the most shocking aspects of the 1950 campaign was the conspiracy of the newspapers.

Papers throughout the nation joined in the Big Lie campaign started by Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.).

Column after column was devoted to McCarthy's vicious methods. Newspaper after newspaper egged McCarthy on.

When McCarthy's charges were thoroughly disproved, the newspapers buried the denials back among the stock market reports.

Sure, there were exceptions—like the Washington Post, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Milwaukee Journal. But you can count the exceptions on your fingers.

When the press tired of the McCarthy smear, an old favorite was dug out of the newspapers' files. It was the "hate labor" technique.

In Ohio . . . in Indiana . . . in Illinois . . . in California . . . the headlines screamed: Labor is taking over the country! All trade unionists are Communists!

For months State Auditor Joe Ferguson, Sen. Robert Taft's opponent, sent daily news releases to Ohio's papers. The statements were tossed quickly in the waste baskets. Ohio papers also cut out criticisms of Taft from nationally-syndicated columns.

Then the newspapers started asking: Where is Ferguson's program? What is Ferguson doing? We never read anything about him in the papers!

Rep. Helen Douglas (D.), defeated by Rep. Richard Nixon (R.) in the California Senatorial campaign, got the same blackout treatment in her state's press.

About the only time Mrs. Douglas was mentioned in a California paper was when the papers ran stories calling her a Communist.

In Pittsburgh Republican leaders were sore because a dispute closed up the daily papers in that city a few weeks before the election. The GOP felt that it would be harmed if there were no papers to play up the campaign of the reactionaries.

Trade unionists realize every publisher has a right to his own views—on his editorial pages. That's as it should be.

But trade unionists also know the U. S. Constitution has granted the press more favors than any other business. So newspapers have duties as well as rights. The papers have the duty to print all the news impartially.

The surest way for America to get a controlled press is for the newspapers to carry on as they did in the 1950 campaign.

### ONE AT A TIME

When you drive, use only one lane at a time. Straddling the white line is a dangerous practice, and is the mark of the driver who is either careless or incompetent.



PURITAN.—Marilyn Monroe hunts turkey in preparation for the Thanksgiving feast. (LPA).

## 1% Has 65% Of Wealth!

Are the poor getting richer and the rich getting poorer? Some people tell you so. Here are the figures showing how little prosperity there is among most of the population.

One per cent of the population receives 65 per cent of all dividends paid to individuals. The next 4 per cent gets 12 per cent of all dividends. All others—95 per cent of the population—gets only 23 per cent of the dividends.

Businessmen who try to make you believe their personal interests are just like their employees had better take another look at the figures. —(LLPE)

## 'Price Stop Now' Tops Humphrey's Anti-Inflation Plan

Washington (LPA).—Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) has called for a sweeping 12-point program to lick inflation now while a permanent program is being devised.

In a statement issued Nov. 2, Humphrey urged an immediate "temporary price stop" to last four to six months, a reinforced rent control law, appointment of a price administrator, industry committees on which small businesses would be represented and appointment of a wage stabilization board "to relate wages and demands for wage increases to our overall economic needs."

Humphrey also called for an excess profits tax retroactive to July 1 and elimination of existing tax "loopholes" so that the economy can be placed on a "pay-as-you-go" basis; subsidies, if necessary, to allow food prices to be rolled back; regulation of trading in commodity "futures" to discourage speculation; credit restrictions on commercial construction mortgages similar to the new restrictions on residential building; "constant scrutiny" of consumer credit restrictions to see whether they're working "equitably"; restrictions by the Federal Reserve Board on inflationary bank credit; immediate controls over "special problem" commodities such as rubber, tin and certain chemicals.

## Wholesale Prices Just Under All-Time High

Washington. (LPA) — Average wholesale prices, as of the week ended Nov. 7, were two-tenths of one per cent below the all-time high of August, 1948. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the rise was "largely a reaction to the news from Korea."

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## Preservation of Democracy

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and at the same time maintain intact the Bill of Rights and the other basic tenets of democracy upon which our country was founded and by which we have become the greatest nation in the world.

It is with these vital considerations in mind that we record our opposition to the so-called McCarran Bill adopted in haste and unthinking fear by Congress. As pointed out by President Truman in his veto message, under this measure any organization, including labor organizations, chambers of commerce and churches, could be classed as a "communist front" organization and thereby destroyed and its officers jailed if the views of such an organization on certain public issues should happen to coincide at any given time with those of Russia or the Communist Party. Drastic as this is, the evil is made ever greater by the fact that an administrative board under the law would have the authority to so classify any organization. Thus, if the American penchant for disagreeing with the government bureaucrats is indulged in, our liberty is thereby placed in jeopardy for the "crime" of having spoken our minds, and this could happen under the law without any right of trial by jury.

Even more serious, if possible, are the provisions of the bill concerning "cooperation," "aiding" or "agreeing" with the Communist Party or its program. Under these restrictions, entirely innocent persons are subject to imprisonment if an act of theirs is found to have in some way benefited the communist program. Communists say they favor repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act; for their own devious purposes they also work for public housing, extension of social security, continuation of rent control and a host of other social welfare measures. But honest trade unionists and other citizens of good will could easily find themselves enmeshed in the tentacles of the McCarran Bill merely because the communists and their front organizations loudly espouse the same causes.

Many other defects in the bill can be cited, but they are merely cumulative in illustration of the same basic point. The entire bill takes us on a long step toward the police state which Congress was presumably seeking to prevent in America. Its effect will, in fact, aid the communists in the long run. And it will be of immediate service to them in their constant efforts to discredit our democracy, not only in this country, but in the eyes of the whole world.

Our careful examination of the consequences of this type of legislation has served to strengthen our conviction that communism can not be effectively resisted by the old American custom of "passing a law." Communists have steadily lost influence within the labor movement by an unceasing exposure of them and their phony program, and by a day-to-day demonstration by the honest leaders of labor that a real, American free trade union program will bring results.

In the same way, the final death blow to communism everywhere can only come through our continuing to demonstrate in practice that our system works. There is no better way to show that we shall adhere firmly to the principles upon which that system was founded than by forthrightly rejecting this kind of restrictive and oppressive legislation.

In discussing this contest in Congress, it is fitting and proper that we should at this time pay tribute to President Truman, Honorable John F. Shelley, Honorable Frank R. Havenner, Honorable Helen Gahagan Douglas, Honorable Chet Holifield, Honorable Cecil King, and the group of Senators who so courageously expended every effort to attempt to prevent the enactment into law of this vicious measure. It is hoped that they can obtain additional supporters as a result of the coming election to effectuate its repeal at the next session of Congress.

# The Smallest GOP Win Since 1934!

(AFL Release)

Washington.—Republican gains in Tuesday's voting were the smallest of any non-presidential election since 1934, returns showed.

The Republicans picked up 5 new Senate seats and 31 Representatives this year, leaving them 2 seats short of a majority in the Senate and 18 shy in the House.

## 'Socialism' Is Beaten, Daily Press Shouts

(State Fed. Release)

With their normal professional disregard for truth, the more abusive segments of the reactionary commercial press lost no time in expounding on the Democratic Party losses in the November 7 elections.

In hysterical editorials and cartoons, the frankly Tory syndicate sheets pronounced that the American people had repelled "creeping socialism", "arrogant labor bosses", and the "Fair Deal of President Truman".

The plain facts contradict the fiction spewed by the Big Business dailies.

The facts are these:

(1) The Democratic Party lost 28 seats in the House of Representatives and five in the United States Senate in the 1950 elections.

(2) Only twice (1906 and 1934) in a century of political history has the party in power won additional seats in the mid-term elections.

(3) The losses of the Democratic Party in 1950 were the lowest in 12 years of mid-term election experience.

(4) In 1938 the Democrats lost 80 seats in the House and six in the Senate.

(5) In 1942 the Democrats lost 47 seats in the House and 10 in the Senate.

(6) In 1946 the Democrats lost 37 in the House and 13 in the Senate.

(7) In 1940, 1944, and 1948, the Democrats won the Presidency and gains in both houses despite, the traditional mid-term defections.

Also hidden from the public was the significance of the triumphs of GOP Senators Morse and Tobey.

Morse of Oregon and Tobey of New Hampshire were reelected despite militant opposition from the anti-labor elements of their party.

### Apple Trouble

In Detroit, officials of the CIO Auto Workers settled one strike over a girl-worker who wore too tight sweaters and confronted another dispute only a little less baffling. At the American Metal Products Co., UAW members calmly and rhythmically munched on apples in protest against a company ruling that workers could eat nothing but candy or chewing gum on the job.

Here are the comparable figures for the off-year election in 1946, 1942, 1938 and 1934:

1946 — Republicans gained 12 Senators and 55 Representatives.

1942 — Gained 9 Senators and 50 Representatives.

1938 — Gained 6 Senators and 80 Representatives.

1934 — Lost 11 Senators and 14 Representatives.

In 1936, the Republicans mustered only 17 Senators and 89 House members. After a loss of 7 House seats and a gain of 5 Senators in 1940, in 1942 they lacked only 6 votes of controlling the House, closest since the start of the New Deal. But they were 12 votes short of controlling the Senate.

In 1946, the Republicans took control of both Houses for the first time since 1930. President Truman called that 80th Congress the "second worst" in history. The party lost control again in 1948 with the score 263 to 171 in favor of House Democrats and 54 to 42 in the Senate.

The 82nd Congress which convenes next Jan. 3 will include 234 Democrats, 200 Republicans and one Independent in the House, and 49 Democrats to 47 Republicans in the Senate.

## 'Nation Now Faces Uncertain Future'

Washington (LPA).—The election victories of the Tafts, the Dirksens, the Capeharts, and the Nixons mean that America faces an uncertain future. So declares the Machinist, weekly organ of the International Association of Machinists, in a front-page editorial in its Nov. 16 issue.

America's future now hinges on the aims and acts of Taft and his Republican and Dixiecrat friends in Congress, the Machinist says.

"What happens to us now," says the editorial, "will depend in large measure on their wisdom—whether or not profiteering and prices are checked, whether or not our individual freedoms are strengthened, whether or not we continue our successful fight against Communist imperialism."

Clearly apprehensive, the Machinist recalls that: "After their 1946 victory, Taft and his coalition saw as their principal enemy the President of the United States, Harry Truman. There is a real danger that they will make this mistake again when in fact their real enemy is not Harry Truman but Marshal Stalin, overlord of the Kremlin. If Taft and his victorious coalition repeat their mistakes of 1946, it will be Stalin, not Truman, who benefits. All America will lose."

## LABORERS WIN WAGE INCREASE IN AGC TALKS

Union laborers employed by members of the Associated General Contractors won wage increases last Saturday as the result of prolonged negotiations between the AGC and the Northern California District Council of Laborers.

The increase, already effective, amounts to 7½¢ per hour for all classifications for unions in the immediate San Francisco Bay area, bringing the scale in the metropolitan district to \$1.62½ an hour.

In other areas, the increase amounts to 10¢, making the scale for general work \$1.55 per hour, it was reported. The differential helps close the former 10¢ hourly gap between metropolitan and outlying district contracts, subject of bitter protest from the district unions.

Negotiations for new contracts with wage increases in the rock, sand and gravel industry were delayed pending union study of an offer from contractors of an increase of 5¢ an hour, it was reported.

Attending negotiation meetings last Saturday from this area were Paul Burnett, of Santa Cruz County Local 283; Randolph Fenchel and J. B. McGinley, of Salinas Local 272. Representatives of San Jose Local 270, which failed in an effort to get classified as a metropolitan area union, and of San Mateo Local 389, where the higher rate is in effect, also were present.

## Ford Takes Over Surplus War Plant

Chicago (LPA).—A huge surplus war plant here has been taken over by the Ford Motor Co. for construction of engines for B-36 planes. The plant was used by Dodge during the last war and later by Preston Tucker in his unsuccessful attempt to build a new automobile. Ford signed the Air Force letter contracts authorizing the deal on Nov. 3.

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## RESEARCH GROUP LAYS PLAN TO PROTECT FARM INTERESTS

Farmers from nine counties representing veterans, Grange Farm Bureau and Cooperative membership met in Elk Grove Sunday, November 12 to plan policy and program for the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee's drive to protect the interest and fortify the security of farm families and their homes on the land.

Combining as dairymen, poultry producers, apple, plum, pear, cotton, fig, raisin, turkey and livestock producers, the conference, under the chairmanship of Assemblyman Joe C. Lewis, threw a ringing challenge to the forces of reaction led by the land, railroad and power monopolies whose hand was recognized as responsible for the recent election results.

The meeting dedicated itself to a "Life Without Fear", upholding the keynote address of state Grange Master George Schmeier at the recent San Bernardino Grange convention and backing the Grange stand to work for repeal of the anti-democratic McCarran, Mundt, Nixon, Ferguson thought-control bill. In taking this unanimous action these working farmers tore off the mask of red-bating and exposed the real forces behind repressive legislation as out to get "those who advocate public ownership of power-producing and distribution facilities, the 160 acre provisions of reclamation law, even a state law to eliminate death-dealing railroad grade crossings".

The meeting voted support for and confidence in its chairman, Joe C. Lewis, Button Willow cotton and alfalfa grower who went down to defeat November 7 because of his forthright stand on these very issues, noting that in spite of a concentrated drive backed by unlimited finances more than 23,000 voters went to the polls and registered their adherence to the anti-hysteria, anti-monopoly, democratic program for which Lewis is known and which earned him the name of the "conscience of the State Legislature".

Warning organized labor, small-town businessmen, working farmers and the people who pay in high water and power rates for the campaigns to wreck reclamation law, the Farm Research & Legislative Committee authorized a challenging "Open Letter" to President Truman and Reclamation Bureau Policy Supporters in the 81st Congress, calling for immediate approval of the Central Valley Project Comprehensive, Basin-Wide Plan which has awaited such action for more than a year.

"We expect you to place your support as President of the United States and head of the political party in power behind this decisive program so vital to the survival of California's one hundred thousand farm families living on and operating their own land, and equally vital in maintaining employment and service in the way of cheap water and power to the growing population of a state that has assumed second place in this great nation.

"Because the Comprehensive, Basin-wide report was not approved by the 81st Congress, the private land and power monopolies have been strengthened in their determination to disrupt and destroy reclamation law and the completion of the Central Valley Project as a cohesive and economical whole", the letter stated.

Warning that this matter must be laid before the final session of the 81st Congress as "unfinished business" the letter concludes:

"The people of California have had infinite patience . . . but there comes a point where patience is turned into anger and action." That point, the letter reminds the President and Congress, was reached following the Civil War when farmers launched the Granger Movement and the Populist Party to beat back the unsatiable greed of the railroad, banking land, grain and manufacturing monopolies.

That point, was again reached when the Non-Partisan League was

organized by middle west farmers to sweep into office powerful anti-monopoly candidates who influenced state and federal policy for more than a decade and are still a force in farmer-labor alliances in many states.

The letter reminded the President that power failures in California under the PG&E monopoly caused "the lights to go out" not so long ago and warned: "The farmers of California have no intention of waiting until the lights go out again."

Labor was commended for its support of re-enactment of a federal moratorium to stay farm bankruptcy proceedings, for support of price support of California specialty crops now denied equal consideration with wheat, corn, rice, tobacco, so-called "basics."

The farmers refused to accept election returns as a "mandate of the people against the Brannan Plan". They called for all progressive forces to rally behind the State Grange which re-affirmed its conviction that only when farmers are encouraged by a minimum support price to produce abundantly will food reach the consumer at prices which he can afford, the essence and purpose of the Brannan Plan.

Significant of the rising tide of farmer militancy was the report on the new National Poultry Farmers Association by Guild organizer, Ernest Schallinger, with sections in California already primed to obtain equal treatment for eggs on a parity basis with the so-called favored "basics".

A special committee was set up for the purpose of perfecting the California section of this national organization to include not only egg producers but the broiler, squab, and turkey industry, "because there is no economic justice in a system which supports the feed price but sacrifices the farmer who produces eggs and poultry which must have this high-priced feed as an essential part of his production".

Serious inequities in present state milk regulations were referred to a sub-committee of Grade A and Grade B dairymen.

The meeting ended on the note that "we must find areas of agreement between the working people of our cities; among the consumers with whom we have mutual interests in fighting inflation, with the congregations who want peace and whose voices are loud in the demand for peace, with the school teachers who are feeling the whip of the witch hunters, with the mothers and fathers of children who must be saved from a life of fear under the constant threat of atom bomb annihilation".

"If we find these alliances" the unanimously endorsed report of Executive Secretary Grace McDonald concluded, "we can beat back those forces who face us with sword in hand. It's still possible for the people to win back a 'Life Without Fear' in a land without fear, even a world without fear for ourselves and our children's children!"

## Housing Curb To Be Felt by January

New government regulations controlling real estate credit are not expected to bite into the national home market much before January. After that, however, their effect in slowing down the market pace will be increasingly evident. Building trades are getting ready for a sizeable reduction in jobs, as a result.

FHA heads, however, declare that the restrictions will not kill home building, that they merely require that the home-buyer have some collateral in his house. They maintain the government wants 800,000 new homes during the coming year and will relax low-bracket restrictions if building falls below this figure.

## Bldg. Wages Rise 1.6 Pct. Since July 3

Washington, D. C.—Union wage scales of workers in the construction trades rose 1.6 per cent between July 3 and Oct. 2, 1950, compared with a rise of 2.5 per cent in the previous three months, the U. S. Labor Department reports.

Surveying seven major building crafts in 85 cities, the Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics found that higher pay scales were negotiated for nearly 30 per cent of the 543,000 workers included in the study. An increase for at least one craft was reported in three of every four cities.

Most of the increases were for 12½ or 15 cents an hour, but one of every eight amounted to 25 cents an hour. Electricians and plumbers showed the greatest gain, with increases for all workers in the trade averaging 5.4 and 5.8 cents, respectively.

Union scales are the minimum wage rates agreed upon through collective bargaining between employers and trade unions. Overtime beyond established maximum daily and weekly hours is excluded. The scales do not reflect either rates for apprentices or premium rates; thus they do not represent total hourly earnings of union labor.

During the first nine months of 1950, union wage scales of building trades workers advanced 5 per cent, compared with an increase of 3 per cent in the same period of 1949 and of 8 per cent in 1948. Since June, 1939, union hourly scales have advanced about 81 per cent. The Bureau's estimate of the average hourly scale of all union workers in the construction industry on Oct. 2, 1950, was \$2.32 an hour.

## Here Are Building Trades Rates in Major West Cities

U. S. Dept. of Labor this week released a table showing the wage rates of seven AFL building trades in 85 major U. S. cities. Since it is not possible to print the entire list, the rates for the cities from Denver and New Mexico to the West Coast are given below.

The name of the city will be given first, then will follow the various wage rates. Ahead of each figure given will be an abbreviation, to show which trade it is. These abbreviations will be used: B for bricklayers, C for carpenters, E for electricians, P for painters, PL for plasterers, PB for plumbers, and L for building laborers.

Those rates which have an asterisk (\*) after them are the rates in which an increase has been made between July 3 and Oct. 2, 1950.

Albuquerque: B \$3, C \$2.25\*, E \$2.35, P \$2\*, PL \$2.50, PB \$2.75\*, L \$1.30\*.

Denver: B \$3, C \$2.35, E \$2.50, P \$2.125, PL \$3, PB \$2.40, L \$1.50\*.

Los Angeles: B \$2.75, C \$2.20\*, E \$2.625\*, P \$2.38\*, PL \$3.125, PB \$2.625\*, L \$1.65\*.

Oakland: B \$3, C \$2.375\*, E \$2.55, P \$2.275, PL \$3, PB \$2.625\*, L \$1.55.

Phoenix: B \$3, C \$2.225, E \$2.45\*, P \$2.125, PL \$3, PB \$2.50, L \$1.575.

Portland: B \$2.75, C \$2.10, E \$2.40, P \$2.10, PL \$2.60, PB \$2.50\*, L \$1.70.

Salt Lake: B \$2.50, C \$1.975\*, E \$2.30, P \$2\*, PL \$2.50, PB \$2.20, L \$1.425\*.

San Diego: B \$2.75, C \$2.20\*, E \$2.625\*, P \$2.225, PL \$3.125\*, PB \$2.625\*, L \$1.65\*.

San Francisco: B \$3, C \$2.375\*, E \$2.625, P \$2.275, PL \$3, PB \$2.625\*, L \$1.55.

Seattle: B \$3, C \$2.195, E \$2.395, P \$2.195, PL \$2.495, PB \$2.75\*, L \$1.795.

Spokane: B \$3\*, C \$2.20, E \$2.45\*, P \$2.20\*, PL \$2.50, PB \$2.50, L \$1.60.

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**MUSICIANS 616**—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m. at Bartenders Hall. Pres., Don Snell, 161 Lighthouse; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 296 Alvarado St.; Sec., Don B. Forster, 140 Forest Ave., phone 5-6166.

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**SHEET METAL WORKERS 304**—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 550, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 524 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

**TEACHERS (Monterey County) 457**—Meets on call. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, phone 2-3622.

**THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611**—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

**GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890**—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray Burditt, Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

## Salinas Painters Report Idle Men

With another layoff of men at the P. G. & E. project at Moss Landing and with new work hard hit by the storms of last week, Painters Union 1104 of Salinas reports many men in the unemployed list.

Business Agent Peter Greco said that painters seeking work should not come to the Salinas area. Work at Camp Roberts and Moss Landing is nearly finished for the time being and painting at the prison project, still not ready to start, will not take all idle men in the area now, he explained.

## "Plain People Voted Against Their Own Interests"

Washington, (LPA)—The Taft-Dixiecrat coalition won control of Congress in the Nov. 7 elections because "Plain people went to the polls and voted against their own interests," says The Machinist in its Nov. 16 issue. And what happens to us now is dependent on Taft-Dixiecrat "Wisdom," the publication apprehensively concludes. Jack Kroll, director of CIO-PAC, blamed sense of insecurity rather than faith in reactionary policies. If McCarthyism was a major factor it was only a manifestation of insecurity, Kross added.

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### RICE THANKS SUPPORTERS

George L. Rice, unsuccessful in his bid for election as state assemblyman, issued a statement of thanks to all his friends and supporters last week for their election work in his behalf.

"My sincere thanks to all those who worked for me and for the Democratic candidates, my thanks both as a candidate and as a state committeeman," Rice said.

"The labor support in this district was best of any recent campaign and I feel that the cooperation between labor and various service groups, veterans' groups and other organizations will make for a successful campaign next time. I certainly am not downhearted by my defeat but feel that I have, in a small way, helped to bring about a unity of action in the district."

### SMOOTH TIRES

Tires are worn smooth should be recapped or replaced before rainy weather sets in. Smooth tires skid more easily, and they also puncture more readily because of their tendency to pick up nails and other foreign objects.

### BTC TEMPORARILY WITHOUT AN AGENT

For at least three weeks, the Monterey County Building Trades Council is without the services of Bus. Agt. John R. Martins. The council, in a move believed based upon economy, voted to dispense with services of an agent from the last meeting, Nov. 16, to the next meeting, Dec. 7, it was announced. Office in Salinas has been retained, with officials of Plumbers Union 503 agreeing to answer the telephone.

### WELL KNOWN SALINAS BARTENDER PASSES

William T. Duncan, one of the best-known and oldest of members of Bartenders Union 545 at Salinas, passed away Nov. 12 following a prolonged illness, Union Sec. Alfred J. Clark announced.

Bro. Duncan was connected with the Belmont Club for many years and had been a member of the Bartenders Union for about 15 years.

Members of Local 545 were among pallbearers at the funeral services last week, including O. Simmons, M. McCoy, J. Anderson and Boyce Self.

### BIG CANNERY HIT BY FIRE; WORKERS HURT

Flames, started when a boiler door blew open and a sheet of fire and burning oil was sprayed over a room, caused damage estimated at \$50,000 to the Westgate-Sun Harbor Canning Co. plant, along Monterey's Cannery Row last week.

Two women workers, members of Fish Cannery Workers Union, were treated for shock and fright following the blaze. They are Mary Fuentes and Mary Jacobs. About 175 persons were working at the time on sardine and squid packing. The fire caused heavy damage to the front of the plant and to the boiler room and fish in the cookers were termed a total loss. Company officials are already laying plans for reopening the plant in a very short time, it was reported.

K. Hovden Packing Co. in Monterey remained shut down last week because of full warehouses. This plant, with its big tuna and albacore unit, is one of the largest employers on Cannery Row and many workers are idle as result of the shut down.

A few sardines were caught in local waters last week before the storms and more sardines were brought to local plants by truck from southern ports, union officials said.

### Waitress Dies At Salinas

Jackie Mae Tindle, for several years a waitress at Mac's Cafe in Salinas and member of Culinary Alliance 467, died last week as result of injuries sustained in a recent automobile crash, Union Secretary Bertha A. Boles announced.

The waitress was member of the union for the past five years. She leaves her husband, Jack Tindle, and a 15-month-old daughter, Pamela Joyce.

Two other waitresses who have been ill have been released from hospitals. They are Edith Bond, who underwent an operation and who is expected to be back to work in a short time, and Mary Manning, ill a long time, who is returning to her home in Kansas, Mrs. Boles said.

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## "Organization Won"

Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) tells reporters on his return to Washington that he interprets the election results as meaning that Taft-Hartley is "pretty permanently on the books." He attributed his election victory to organization, not popularity. His people really worked, Taft said, and labor just didn't do as good a job. (LPA).



## Civilian Aluminum Slashed

William H. Harrison, National Production Authority administrator, tells reporters that he has ordered a 35 per cent cutback in civilian use of aluminum. The move was attacked by both labor and industry groups. It is no solution at all, they said, and will only lead to other shortages. They urged expansion of the industry instead, charged the cutbacks would hit the 17,000 fabricating plants, tighten the grip of the Big Three on the industry. (LPA).



## Number Please?

Long distance phone operators stand across the street from a Bell telephone exchange in New York and turn thumbs down on crossing the picket line set up by Western Electric employees in the recent nation-wide phone strike. "Picket poor," the union had to use "hit-run" picketing to stop scabbing. Wage increases granted were a "major victory," the union declared. (LPA).



## "Scarcity Profits"

Profits of corporations for the third quarter of 1950 are the highest of any quarter in history. Some corporations even made more in the first nine months than they ever have made in a full year.

Much of these profits were made through a program of making goods scarce and prices high. Chairman Stuart Symington of the National Securities Resources Board on Nov. 2, for instance, criticized the "deliberate policy of limited production" which some businesses used "as a means for raising prices"—and, of course, fattening their earnings.

Symington told of one company which, "after deciding that expansion would be wrong, and that scarcity would be better . . . increased its profits over 750 per cent between 1945 and 1950."

At the same time, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) is trying to put over a sales tax that will be paid for mostly by persons who make small incomes.

The NAM says corporate income last year amounted "to only \$17 billion." It neglects to say corporations are expected to earn about \$23 billion this year. Or should we say "only" \$23 billion?—(LLPE).

## Big Steel Curbs Its U. S. Output

President Charles E. Wilson of General Motors said October 26 that the steel industry does not "have enough confidence in the country to expand adequately."

When a defender of Big Business such as the GM president puts the finger on the steel industry like that, you know it has hit a new low.

Time after time, government officials, armed forces leaders and industrial officials have pleaded with the steel barons to increase the capacity of their mills.

Now we have it on the word of one of Big Business' high priests, Charles E. Wilson, that the steel industry has little confidence in the United States of America.

What a sorry commentary on the profits and patriotism of a powerful group of slick operators! —(LLPE).

## Need More Steel

New York (LPA)—Henry J. Kaiser, prominent industrialist, has urged a 30 percent expansion in steel capacity—with temporary controls if they are needed.

He also wants more production in aluminum and other basic industries. Such expansion, he believes, would relieve shortages and curb inflation. He estimated that steel production could be upped 30,000,000 tons a year in three years.

"If there is no other way to get expansion," Kaiser said, "then we must accept controls. We tried getting along without expanding during the war, but we eventually had to do it. The same kind of expansion is needed now."

## Aircraft Industry Employment Up

Washington. (LPA)—In June 256,400 workers were employed in the manufacture of aircraft and parts. By September, due to military orders, the work force was 291,000. August production was 8 per cent above June, and 87 per cent of it was for military use. Most plants reported shortages of skilled labor.

Some plants, "yielding to the realities of a tight labor market, have begun to soften hiring specifications," reported the Department of Labor. Age limits are being raised, experience requirements are coming down, women are being hired, and training and up-grading programs are being started.

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